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SUBJECT: WANG HAI-JUNG COMMENTS ON US TROOP WITHDRAWALS FROM
KOREA

1. GARY WOODARD, AUSTRALIAN AMBASSADOR TO PEKING, COMMENTED DURING A CONVERSATION I HAD WITH HIM ON JULY 19 THAT FORMER AMBASSADOR STEVE FITZGERALD HAD ASKED PRC VICE FOREIGN MINISTER WANG HAI-JUNG FOR HER VIEWS ON THE EFFECT OF US TROOP WITHDRAWALS ON STABILITY ON THE KOREAN PENINSULA. ACCORDING TO WOODARD, HER RATHER ABRUPT REPLY WAS: "THERE WILL BE WAR." WHEN FITZGERALD REMINDED HER OF KIM IL-SUNG'S FIVE POINTS FOR PEACEFUL REUNIFICATION, WANG BACKED OFF A BIT AND AGREED THAT PEACEFUL REUNIFICATION WAS THE BEST SOLUTION.

2. COMMENT: IT IS DIFFICULT TO JUDGE THE DEGREE TO WHICH WANG'S OFF-THE-CUFF RESPONSE TO FITZGERALD'S INQUIRY REPRESENTS AN OFFICIAL PRC ASSESSMENT, IT DOES SUGGEST,
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HOWEVER, THAT THEY REMAIN CONCERNED LEST ANY US ACTION DESTABILIZE THE ALREADY VOLATILE KOREAN SITUATION.
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